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WAITING FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev'd Chris Epperson

The time change is not any fun. The hour shift either way disrupts our sleep, and makes us nervous about being on time. I find myself taking at least a week to adjust.

It is very dark in the morning, and the light lasts later into early evening. The color of the light seems different as well. The sunsets are often more vivid.

Light has always been important to followers of Jesus. The Church has always commemorated the coming of the morning light, and the departure of the sun and the evening light. Light is the presence of hope, and the absence of light brings fear.

In the account of Jesus' crucifixion, the sun was somehow obscured, and darkness reigned. Jesus' resurrection occurred with the breaking of day, and the rising of the sun. Sunrise becomes son rise.

We are in the midst of these long nights, and we are waiting for illumination.

I suggest that we sit with the shifting seasons of time and the year. It is impossible to circumvent the natural order of things. It is impossible to circumvent this journey with Jesus.

Rest within the darkness. The light of the world is coming.

"Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. For behold, darkness covers the land, deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you." Isaiah 60:1-3

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

**HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY
& WEDNESDAY**
April 15, 16 & 17

Holy Eucharist @ 6:30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Holy Eucharist &
Stripping of the Altar @ 6:30pm

Canterbury-led Vigil with
Footwashing @ 8 pm
in St. Mary's Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

The Hours from Noon to 3pm
Stations of the Cross @ 3pm
Good Friday Liturgy @ 6:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20

The Great Vigil of Easter @ 8:30pm
begins in the churchyard
(with incense)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Holy Eucharist in the Church
@ 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am**,
12 noon & 5:30 pm

Holy Eucharist in the Churchyard **
@ 10:15 am - Egg Hunt follows

** Childcare for nursery through
four-year-olds will be available in the
Parish House during these services only.

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FELLOWSHIP & FORMATION

Brown-Bag Bible Study
Wednesdays @ noon

Bruton Singles

Adult Lenten Series: Explorations of Different Forms of Prayer *
Thursdays, March 28, April 4 & 11
Soup Supper @ 6:30, Program @ 7:15pm

Joint Women Over/Under Fortyish Evening Potluck
Wednesday, April 3 @ 6:30pm

What's Your Emergency?
Community Café Williamsburg
Thursday, April 4 @ 1pm

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, April 5 @ 5:30pm

Donations for Easter Lilies
Due Friday, April 5

Newcomers' Corner
Sunday, April 7 @ 10:30am

Ribbon Cross Fellowship
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Women's Theological Book Group *
Thursday, April 11 @ 1-2:30pm

WUF Pack Potluck Brunch
Saturday, April 13 @ 10am

Living the Gospel Bible Study
Sundays, April 14 & 28 @ 11am

Christian Basics:
A Class for Adults on the Episcopal Faith
Sundays through April 14, 2-3pm

Lenten Labyrinth Walk @ Eastern State
Saturday, April 20 @ 11am

Sweet Discourse:
Medicine in Colonial America
Wednesday, April 24 @ 7pm

CHANCO Workdays
Friday - Sunday, May 3 - 5

Youth Mission & Pilgrimage
Dinner & Auction
Saturday, May 4 @ 6pm

7th Annual Friends of Bruton Day
Saturday, May 4 @ Jamestown

* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Please contact Meghan Brewer at 757-345-6489 or send an email to childcare@brutonparish.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15, 11:15am & 5:30pm

Palm Sunday, April 14
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15, 11:15am
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Holy Week & Easter
Please see the first page for the worship services through Holy Week & Easter

Sunday, April 28
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15, 11:15am & 5:30pm

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Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel
Tuesdays @ 8am

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Wednesdays @ 11am

Canterbury Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong
Tuesdays @ 5:30pm in Wren Chapel when college is in session

NEWCOMERS' CORNER

New members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton Parish. Please join us on Sunday, April 7.

LIVING THE GOSPEL BIBLE STUDY

This adult Lectionary-based Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am. The study looks at the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives. Please join us Sunday, April 14 & 28, in the Custis House.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Monday through Friday (9am-5pm), please call (757) 345-2250 directly or call the church office at (757) 229-2891. After 5pm and on weekends, please call the church office at (757) 229-2891 and choose Option 6. If necessary, leave your name, telephone number and a brief message, and the clergy-on-call will return your call as soon as possible.

USHER MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

We are in desperate need of ushers for all services! Please contact Ginny and Bill Dugge by email at ushers@brutonparish.org.

LENTEN SERIES: EXPLORATIONS OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF PRAYER

Heidi Elam

This year's Adult Lenten Formation Program will offer the series Explorations of Different Forms of Prayer on Thursday evenings following Ash Wednesday. Make plans to be here at the Parish House on the remaining Thursdays in Lent: March 28, April 4 & 11. Mark your calendars now for our Lenten study wherein each week one member of our Bruton clergy will present a particular way of conceiving and practicing prayer. Below is a brief description of each of the talks. We'll begin with a soup supper at 6:30pm, followed by the program at 7:15pm.



Thursday, March 28

The Poetic and Prayerful Imagination: Anglican Poetry as Divine and Self-Reflection

The Rev'd Dr. Dan McClain will share examples of Anglican poetry (e.g. Shakespeare, Herbert, Rossetti, Auden, Elliot), focusing on ways that such poetry helps foster reflection on the self and God.

Thursday, April 4

The Power of Prayer during Turbulent Times

The Rev'd Jan Brown will lead a conversation about the power and role of healing prayer both individually and corporately. An exploration of types of healing prayer, uses for healing prayer, and practical opportunities for participating individually and with groups

Thursday, April 11

Questions & Answers

The Rev'd Chris Epperson will provide a question and answer session encompassing the four previous offerings from our clergy on conceiving and practicing prayer. Be sure to join us!

LILIES FOR THE EASTER ALTAR

Contributions are now being accepted for the lilies which will decorate the Easter altar.

The deadline is Friday, April 5, for receiving the names to be included in the bulletin as a memorial, a thank offering, or in honor of someone special. Please



make checks payable to Bruton Parish Church and mail them directly to Dianne Spence at 102 Walnut Hills Drive, Williamsburg, VA, 23185-3427. Please do not send the checks to the church office. Be sure to include your telephone number on the check or correspondence. Contact Dianne directly if you have any questions at (757) 229-4915 or at lilies@brutonparish.org.

CHRISTIAN BASICS

The Rev'd Josh Stephens

For those seeking to join the Church or wishing to renew their commitment to Christ and his Church, our adult class continues to be held from 2-3pm on each Sunday with the final class on April 14. We will work through biblical basics, liturgy and the Book of Common Prayer, Anglicanism, prayer and discipleship, and more. The class is required for those wanting to receive baptism, confirmation, reaffirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church, but all are welcome to join in the conversation and learning. Adults will be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 20. Bishop Jay Magness will be visiting to confirm, reaffirm, and receive adults on June 9, Pentecost Sunday.



WEDNESDAYS BROWN-BAG BIBLE STUDY

Bring lunch on Wednesdays at noon to the Coffee, Tea & Thee room upstairs in the Parish House. This Lectionary-based Bible study is centered upon the Gospel for the coming Sunday. The preacher for the week will facilitate these sessions where those in attendance will be able to reflect upon the scriptures that will be the focus of the Sunday sermon. The studies may provide increased insight into the sermon or explore aspects of the passages beyond the scope of the sermon, or both.



HELP NEEDED AT CHANCO

There will be a Spring Work Weekend at Chanco from May 3-5. Volunteers are needed to help spruce up Chanco for the summer camp season. Join volunteers from all over the diocese and enjoy fellowship while helping to prepare for the summer season. People of all ages and skills are welcome. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian.

Please contact Nash Francis if you want to sign up or have any questions at (757) 229-4818 or

nfrancis-chanco@brutonparish.org.

PALM SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to distribute palm fronds at all four services on Palm Sunday, April 14. To volunteer, please call Kathryn Smith at (757) 229-2188 or email her at palmfronds@brutonparish.org.

PALM SUNDAY @ 9:15 AM

Join us on the Palace Green at **9am** on Palm Sunday, April 14, for the Blessing of the Palms, after which we'll process into the church. If you cannot physically join us for the procession, please feel free to enter the sanctuary for a time of quiet meditation before the service.

HOLY WEEK EUCHARISTIS

Join us for Holy Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (April 15, 16 & 17) in the church at **6:30pm** (note the change in time from last year).

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The liturgies for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are unique and highly symbolic; each will be celebrated only once, offering a sense of the "real time" of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion — Christ's Passion. Holy Eucharist and The Stripping of the Altar on Thursday, April 18, will be held in the church at **6:30pm**. Child care will be available for nursery through four-year-olds in the Parish House during this service. Led by our Cantorburians, a Vigil with foot-washing will be held at 8pm in St. Mary's Chapel. Parishioners as well as college students are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Hours of Good Friday will be held in the church from **noon until 3pm** on Friday, April 19. The service consists of half-hour segments with hymns, readings, meditations, prayer and silence which commemorate the hours Jesus spent on the cross. Congregants are invited for the entire service or for single or multiple movements. There will be an organ interlude at the end of each, where worshipers may come and go.

The Stations of the Cross will be marked beginning at **3pm** as a large cross is carried from Bruton through the college campus to the Catholic Campus Ministry building (old St. Bede's on Richmond Road).

We hope you will attend Good Friday Liturgy at **6:30pm** in the church as the finality of the Crucifixion sets in. Christ has died, and the world holds its breath. Child care will be available for nursery through four-year-olds in the Parish House during this service.

HOLY SATURDAY

The Great Vigil of Easter begins in the churchyard with "The Lighting of the New Fire of Easter" on Saturday, April 20, at **8:30pm** and then continues in the church. This is the most important celebration of the entire year — the one from which all others either take their meaning or to which all others look forward.

Proceeding from darkness to light, from silence to alleluia, it is the symbolic dramatization of the story of God's action on our behalf. It is the Christian Passover, for it celebrates the passing from death to life, from sin to grace. The story of the Exodus is central to the Liturgy of the Word; Baptism is the means of the full realization of redemption; Holy Communion is the promise of the glory that shall be ours with our Risen Lord. This service includes incense.

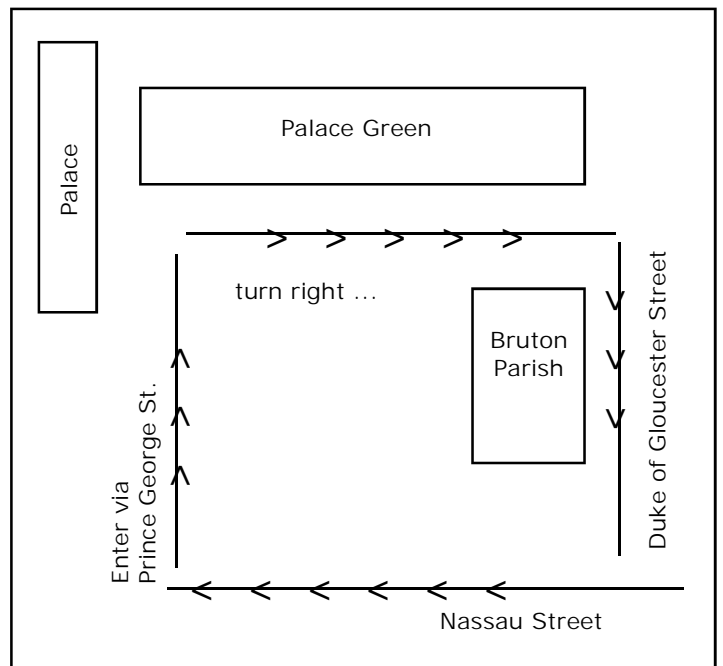
EASTER TRAFFIC, PARKING & WORSHIP SERVICES

Easter Sunday is April 21, and services of Holy Eucharist will be held in the church beginning at **7am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am, 12 noon & 5:30 pm**. Holy Eucharist will also be held in the churchyard at 10:15am, followed by our children's egg hunt.

In order to help the flow of traffic between the services on Easter Day, please drive down Prince George Street towards the church, turn right when you get to the Palace Green, and officers will direct you where to park from there. You will not be permitted to enter Duke of Gloucester Street from Nassau Street (please see the diagram below).

We will have two lines to bring worshippers into the church. Parishioners are asked to form a line from the Palace Green Gate down the walk toward the Governor's Palace (and, as always, wearing your parish nametag is helpful). Ushers will help form this line and be sensitive to the health and fitness of those members of the parish in line, and do their best to offer comfort and expedience. Visitors will form a line down Duke of Gloucester Street and will be admitted once we have admitted parishioners.

Once inside, please allow the ushers to assist you in finding a seat. Once each service is over, all will exit through Duke of Gloucester Street gate, allowing those waiting for the next service to begin entering.



THE FLOWER CROSS

All are encouraged to bring cut flowers for the cross which will be stationed in the churchyard and used for the churchyard service on Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY'S EGG HUNT

The Egg Hunt will be held following the 10:15 am service in the churchyard on Easter Sunday, April 21. Children pre-K through 4th grade should bring their baskets!

FIRST FRIDAYS RECOVERY

EUCHARIST

First Fridays will be on April 5 in the church. SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton host this monthly service with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially addiction, co-dependence, mental illness, and trauma. Tears are welcome, joy is celebrated, and all are embraced exactly as they are. During the service participants may light candles and write prayer requests. Join us in praying for those still struggling, mourning those we've lost, and celebrating with those experiencing recovery. All are welcome, whether or not you're in recovery.

WOMEN'S EVENING POTLUCK

The Women of Bruton will be enjoying their next Potluck Supper on Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. All are invited and welcome to attend! Please bring a dish to share and join in the fun and fellowship. Please call Alice Oates at (757) 645-4321 with questions. Child care will be available.

WOMEN'S THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP

The group will meet on Thursday, April 11, from 1-2:30 in Room 206 of the Parish House. We are reading Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels by Heidi Haverkamp. This is a daily meditation book written by a seminary friend of Lauren's that provides reflections and questions for each day of the season of Lent. All women are welcome! Upcoming dates and books: The Lazarus Kid by Tim Farrington on May 9 and Gilead by Marilynne Robinson on June 13. For more information please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald.

WUF PACK

Each month the Women Under Fortyish Group meets for conversation and fellowship. If you are interested in participating in the group, contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald. Upcoming events and dates:

April 3, 6:30pm: Joint Women Over/Under Fortyish Potluck in the Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an intergenerational evening. Childcare will be provided.

April 13, 10:00am: Potluck brunch at Kate McClain's. Childcare will not be provided for this one.

May 5, 1:00-2:30pm: WUF meets in Coffee, Tea, and Thee after church. Childcare will be provided.

BRUTON SINGLES

Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin, Spence Witten and Sandy Lenthall

Bruton Singles is a fellowship ministry tailored towards parishioners and members of the wider community who are single. We typically get together once each week to attend various events in the parish and the larger community. Each event is accompanied by a meal and/or dessert (paid separately) at which we enjoy fellowship and discussion. To participate in any event, please procure tickets to the function (if necessary) and contact the listed coordinator.

Saturday, April 6, 2pm
"You Can't Take it With You"

@ Williamsburg Players

Join us for the matinee performance at Williamsburg Players. After the play, we will meet at Kathy Rose's house nearby for a potluck supper (\$20 ticket). If you do not plan to go to the play, you can come just for dinner. Call Kathy Rose at 757-784-6761 to RSVP and let her know what you will be bringing.

Sunday, April 21, 6:30pm
Easter Banquet for
Canterburians

@ Bruton Parish

Come help us prepare an Easter dinner for our Canterburians and then share a festive meal and conversation with the students. We begin with setup as early as 3pm and finish around 9pm with cleanup. Everyone is asked to contribute a dinner item to our menu. Choose from appetizer, entrée, or dessert. We expect to serve 50-65 people (students and the volunteers). There will even be an egg clinking game, which the students enjoy especially. The winner will be given a trophy by College Chaplain, Dan McClain. Call Heidi Elam at (757) 897-5012 to sign up for a shift and to contribute a dinner item.

Friday, April 26, 7:30pm

Chris Norman & Robin Bullock Concert
@ Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre

Join us a little after 7pm in the Library Theatre lobby. Chris Norman & Robin Bullock have been playing with the world music trio Helicon. They share an eclectic repertoire that includes Celtic music, American Old Time music, art music of the 18th century baroque, and original compositions. After the concert we may walk over to Aromas. (\$5 ticket, \$4 for Friends of the Library). RSVP to Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.



Bruton Singles gathering for dinner at Waypoint Seafood Restaurant (l-r): Katharine Holland, Eda Martin, Shirley McFall, Gary Davis, Sandy Lenthall, Tom Mills, Heidi Elam, Carol Mathews and Craig Weaver.

WALK A LABYRINTH ON HOLY SATURDAY

Observe Holy Saturday with a labyrinth walk on Saturday, April 20, at 11am at the Eastern State Hospital Labyrinth. We start with prayers, walk as a group, and close with sharing. It usually lasts about an hour. All are welcome to participate in this ancient form of walking meditation. Contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald for directions or more information at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org or (757) 229-2891.



MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO FORMER CHAIR AND THE PARISH SHOP FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2018

Lynn Smyth

Under the outstanding leadership of Bill Butler, and with the financial support of the Bruton Shop and Vestry, the 2018 Mission & Outreach Committee supported many ministries within our church, local community, and beyond. The Bruton Shop raises the majority of the funds that the Mission and Outreach Committee disburses. We hope you are proud of the contributions we made on your behalf and that you share our gratitude for the fabulous work done in the shop that makes this work possible. Please remember that when you support the shop, you are supporting ALL the ministries identified below. Please visit the shop soon (and often)!



Diane Koun,
Shop Manager
& Isabel Burch,
M&O Chairperson

In 2018, we provided funding to our own Bruton Builders, who work with Housing Partnerships to build ramps, assist on Habitat for Humanity builds, tackle projects for Avalon, and lend their skills to other needed projects. We also funded the M-25 ministry to Matthew Whaley School, provided financial support for the youth mission trip to Appalachia, and donated to Episcopal Relief & Development to provide financial aid for hurricane victims. In addition, we awarded 17 grants with a total value of just under \$50,000.

Many of the local service organizations which received grants are strongly supported by Bruton volunteers. These included: Lackey Free Clinic, SpiritWorks Foundation, Latisha's House, FISH, Williamsburg Area Meals on Wheels, Virginia Peninsula Food Bank, Colonial CASA, Arc of Greater Williamsburg, Avalon Center, Williamsburg-James City Community Action Network, Hospice House, Angels of Mercy Medical Clinic, One Child Center for Autism and Williamsburg Faith in Action.

Beyond our community, we awarded three grants to organizations that prepare disadvantaged children for full and productive lives. The first, El Hogar, provides quality education and a safe and nurturing home to children living in crippling poverty in Honduras. Closer to home, St Andrew's School in Richmond received a grant to support its mission to transform lives by providing quality, progressive education to children from families with limited financial resources through a full scholarship for every child. We also awarded a grant to Boys Home of Virginia, a residential school in Covington that attempts to help each student strive toward becoming a productive member of society, by developing his potential – spiritually, mentally, physically and socially.

As Bill Butler passed the torch to the capable hands of Isabel Burch, we began this year with immense gratitude for the Bruton Shop, its generous patrons and volunteers, and for all in the Bruton community who participate in mission and outreach.

UNITED THANK OFFERING THIS LENT AND EASTER

Bessie Bierer

I Can't Do Everything,
But I Can Do Something.
Many Sundays at the Presentation of Alms & Oblations, we find ourselves singing the familiar Hymn 705. "With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity. O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done." (Hymn 705, verse 3).



WE can be part of transforming our neighborhoods, our families and ourselves through the work of the [United Thank Offering](#). Your support enables the UTO to continue its tradition of fostering the mission & ministry of The Episcopal Church.

How Will YOU Respond?"

Bruton Parish's UTO Giving Period concludes Sunday, April 28, with the Ingathering. UTO Volunteers will receive your offerings (i.e., UTO Blue Boxes & Envelopes) as you come forth for Communion. UTO Blue Boxes & Envelopes are available in the Church Tower & Parish House Reception Area.

Please think of giving to the [2019 United Thank Offering](#). Even the smallest donations, when added together, can make a huge difference in the lives of others.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY

JUNIOR WARDEN'S CORNER

Ron Hurst

The dramatic transformation of the church continues as the most intrusive part of the organ installation comes to a close. The massive principal case is in place above the reredos and the metal pipes that will be arrayed on its outward face are being gilded and installed. Scaffolding will be removed shortly. The beautiful black walnut console stands in its new location and will soon be surrounded by the custom-made pew paneling that will allow it to be moved forward for concerts.

Behind the scenes, installation is under way for the climate control system that will protect those parts of the instrument that are housed in the attic. As reported earlier, voicing of the pipes will continue into early summer.

Elsewhere in the church, all woodwork and plaster surfaces have been freshly painted. Cabinetry in the sacristy has been adjusted in order to make that space function more efficiently and a new sink and water heater have been installed. Fresh paint and new carpeting will follow. Wiring for the new audio-visual system is in place and we await placement of the speakers and other components.

In the churchyard, the new burial ground is nearly complete. Final grading, seeding, and related work will take place in the near future. Replacement of the large and complex south gate is next on the agenda. At the Parish House, repairs to the exterior of St. Mary's Chapel will commence in early spring.

Many hands have brought these projects to fruition, but major thanks go to Mike Wanless, Facilities Manager, and Rick Boye, Property Coordinator, whose coordinating efforts have made all the difference.



SPIRITWORKS: HOPE NOT DOPE BAGS

Lynn Smythe

SpiritWorks recently began its first ever recovery program in the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail (VPRJ). While Rev'd Jan Brown has taught Recovery Inside the Walls in other jails, this is the first such program in our local jail. The program is designed to help women manage their recovery both in jail and as they prepare to leave.

We would like to ensure that each woman who completes the program receives a bag of HOPE upon her release from jail. We call these backpacks Hope not Dope Bags. The contents will include critical information relating to recovery and community resources as well as personal/comfort items that will be helpful to the women as they navigate the first crucial days post-release.

Can you help us fill some bags? Below is a list of items needed. There is a clearly-marked white laundry basket outside of Lewis Hall in the Parish House next to the food collection baskets. Drop off your donations or bring them to SpiritWorks at 5800 Mooretown Road, on week-days between 9am and 5pm. If you have any questions, please email Lynn@spiritworksfoundation.org

- Women's Deodorant (travel size)
- Razors, disposable (men & women)
- Rain poncho
- Shampoo/Conditioner (travel size)
- Small package sanitary pads
- Small package Tampax
- Travel wipes, Chapstick, Comb, Carabiner, Mesh laundry bags, pens
- Women's shaving cream (travel size), dental floss
- Socks, individually-wrapped single bars of soap
- Purse/pocket size calendar/planner
- Single serving bags/pkg of chips or cookies, or crackers, candy bars
- \$10 fast food gift certificates/cards; \$5 WaWa gift cards, \$10 Target, Walmart or Kmart gift cards



LITERACY FOR LIFE

Literacy for Life has adult learners waiting for people like you! For more information, call (757) 221-3325.

- No previous teaching experience is needed. We provide training, materials, and ongoing support.
- Complete nine hours (3 x 3-hour sessions) of initial tutor training.
- Available to tutor 1.5 hours per week for one year.
- Complete the online training registration form and select the training series that works best for your schedule at <https://literacyforlife.org/tutors>.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Meghan Brewer

Shrove Tuesday is a wonderful evening to gather together to celebrate and enjoy feasting, before we begin our fast. During this evening we enjoy pancakes, yummy casseroles, bacon, sausage, an assortment of delicious fruits and more!

Once again our youth hosted a tremendous event that included about 200 guests! This event not only helped raise a little money towards the youth mission trips, but allowed our congregation as a whole to get together to enjoy food, fellowship and fun! As we closed out the night, we were ready to begin our Lenten journey together in a reflective way. A great night was had by all!



CHILDREN/YOUTH FORMATION Two YOUTH MISSION & PILGRIMAGE TRIPS

The Rev'd Josh Stephens & Meghan Brewer

HELP FEED OUR YOUTH GROUP

Volunteer to help contribute meals for youth group through Lent by visiting bit.ly/bpcyouthdinners and sign up!



SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Children's Church will NOT be held as our children and youth choirs will be singing during the 9:15am service in the church. Following communion, please meet in the Tower so all can walk to Sunday School at 10:20am. Children through 5th grade meet in the parish house, and middle/high schoolers meet in the Custis House. Children's Choir will rehearse at 11:10am, and Youth Group continues from 4-6pm for middle school and 5:30-7:30pm for high schoolers (includes dinner).

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Children's Church will not be held this Sunday as we all will gather on the Palace Green at 9am for the Blessing of the Palms and to process into the church. Sunday School at 10:20am for children through 5th grade in the parish house, and in the Custis House for middle/high schoolers. Children's Choir will rehearse at 11:10am, and Youth Group continues to meet.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Our children and youth choirs will be singing at the 10:30am service in the churchyard, followed by an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting).

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Children's Church will not be held this morning, as we hope you will join us at the 9:15am service in the church for baptism. Sunday School will be held at 10:20am for children through 5th grade in the parish house, and in the Custis House for middle/high schoolers. Children's Choir will rehearse at 11:10am.

YOUTH MISSIONS & PILGRIMAGE DINNER/AUCTION

Bruton's middle and high school students are participating in two mission trips this summer. We need your support to pull off these amazing opportunities for our youth to grow in love and service.

Please come to our Dinner & Auction on Saturday, May 4, in the Parish Hall at 6pm. We'll have entertainment, pictures of our last mission trip, as well as auction and donor options for this year's trips. Tickets for this fun night are \$25/person and they must be purchased by Monday, April 29.

The nursery will be open for infants and toddlers, and we'll have separate activities for elementary school-aged children.

July 6-17, 2019

NAVAJOLAND, NEW MEXICO & CATARACT CANYON, UTAH

High School students are invited to help organize and attend a trip to work with a Navajo congregation, St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Students will host a Vacation Bible School from July 8-12, 2019. On July 12, we will travel to Moab, Utah for a wilderness pilgrimage of five days and four nights of rafting through the remote Cataract Canyon in Canyonlands National Park. We will learn about Navajo culture along the way and spend time with God, our Creator. Bruton Parish's current high schoolers and their friends are invited, and they will be expected to gather for pre-trip meetings and to help with fundraisers. The trip cost is \$1,300/person with a \$400 deposit due by April 1. For more information and to sign up, visit bit.ly/bpchschoollpilgrimage2019.

July 21-28, 2019

TO APPALACHIAN SOUTH FOLK LIFE CENTER IN WEST VIRGINIA

Middle and high school students are invited to journey to the wild and wonderful mountains of West Virginia for a week of service work, prayer, cultural experiences, and time with God in creation. This trip will leave on Sunday, July 21, when we'll spend a week working on local homes with the Folklife Center as our facilitators and home base. Students will be shaped by Morning and Evening Prayer, music, and group conversations, as well as the work completed each day.

On Friday, July 26, we will head to the New River Gorge for two nights of fun and rest including an adventure lake and white-water rafting through the New River Gorge. This trip costs \$450/person with a \$200 deposit due by May 1.

We are grateful for parishioner's support of our mission trips and pilgrimages. Stay tuned for upcoming fundraisers. Donations are welcome at any time to offset chaperone costs and youth scholarships. Write checks to Bruton Parish with "Youth Mission Trip Donation" in the memo and give to Fr. Josh Stephens. Please visit bit.ly/brutonwestvirginiamission2019 to sign up.

APPRECIATION SUNDAY

will be held May 5 during the 9:15am service in the church. Join us this day as we recognize graduating acolytes, Sunday School teachers, choir teachers and nursery staff.

Nursery is available Sunday in the Parish House from 8:30am through the 11:15am service for newborns through 4-years-old.

Children's Church will join the 9:15am congregation in the Parish House.

Sunday School is held at 10:20 in the Parish House.

Joyful Noise, Choristers & Cantores Youth Choirs typically rehearse in the Parish House at 11:10am in the choir room (unless there is no Sunday School, then they meet at 10:20am).



SWEET DISCOURSE

MEDICINE IN COLONIAL AMERICA

Jim Morford

The Bruton Guides Ministry is pleased to announce that the guest speaker at the Sweet Discourse on Wednesday, April 24, will be a gentleman well-known to many at Bruton - Dr. Jonathan Stolz. He will speak on Medicine in Colonial America -- an overview of how medicine was practiced in the colonies in the 1700s.



Dr. Stolz's recently published book, *Medicine From Cave Dwellers to Millennials*, is described as "... a thoughtful explanation on how past generations of medical revolutionaries vanquished long-standing hurdles to discover new ideas." Published in August of 2018, it is available on Amazon.com.

Jonathan is a graduate of Temple University School of Medicine. After completing a residency in radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, he practiced in Pennsylvania before retiring and moving to Williamsburg.

Understanding that retirement doesn't mean quitting, Dr. Stolz has continued his long-time study of the history of medicine. He has taught multiple courses on different aspects of medical history as a volunteer instructor at W&M's Christopher Wren Association. A parish member, Jonathan has also served as a Bruton Guide.

Mark your calendars now to attend this Sweet Discourse at the Parish House beginning at 6:30pm with coffee and cookies followed at 7PM by Dr. Stolz's presentation.

MOST EXCELLENT WOMEN OF BRUTON ON RETREAT

The Rev'd Lauren McDonald

A group of women gathered at Camp Chanco for a retreat on spiritual gifts during the first weekend in Lent. Led by the Rev'ds Jan Brown and Lauren McDonald, the group spent time taking an inventory of their spiritual gifts and discussing how they might use these God-given gifts for the building up of the church.

In addition to the spiritual gifts program, attendees shared conversation over meals, enjoyed beautiful views of the James River, rested, prayed, and worshiped together. Hilarity ensued during the opening ice breaker in which each participant made one factual statement and one fictitious statement about herself and then the group had to guess which one was true. For the record, there were no former nuns in attendance! The Women's Lenten Retreat is an experience of time away across the river to renew, replenish, and restore.



Save the date for next year's retreat:
March 13-15, 2020



DOK INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Part of our rule of life as The Order of the Daughters of the King® is consistent intercessory prayer. Prayers are said for four weeks and may be repeated. Anyone wishing to have prayers said for them or for others should fill out a blue request card at the church tower and drop it in the DOK prayer box. This month's prayer can be titled "Pass It On" and is offered by Sally Libby. We're not sure where the prayer/poem is from, however, Sally says that she has been both the receiver and giver of small gestures that seemed enormous at the time.

If you hear a kind word spoken
Of some worthy soul you know,
It may fill his heart with sunshine
If you'd only tell him so.

If a deed, however humble,
Helps you on your way to go,
Seek the one whose hand has helped you.
Seek him out and tell him so.

If your heart is touched and tender
Towards sinner, lost and low,
It might help him to do better
If you could only tell him so.

Oh, my sisters, oh my brothers,
As o'er life's rough path you go,
If God's love has saved and kept you,
Do not fail to tell men so.



FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Ed Emery, Nancy Nelson, Marty Easton

First quarter contributions statements will be mailed in April. Thank you for reviewing your statement.

Are you receiving pre-printed offering envelopes and no longer desire them? Contact the finance office and we will discontinue them for you. In lieu of the envelopes, checks may be folded in half and placed in the offering plate. To contribute cash, please place bills in any ordinary envelope and write your full name on the outside.

If you are 70.5 or better, consider making a gift directly to Bruton Parish from your traditional IRA. We have a form we can mail or email to you that makes it very easy. At your request, your IRA administrator issues a check to us as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The amount qualifies for exclusion from taxable income in 2019, and fulfills all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). We are receiving a number of pledge payments this way. Thank you!

We can receive credit card payments for several funds through ACS Pay Plus via our website online. Here is how to make an online payment:

1. On the home page of our website, click GIVE.
2. Follow the instructions, by entering the amount, selecting the desired fund, and entering your email address. (Pledge payments are received into the Annual Fund.)
3. On the next screen, confirm your email address.
4. Proceed to the giving/payment details screen. For recurring payments, you can select the frequency and date of credit card charges.

Thank you for your support in 2019! For any questions, there are two ways to reach us -- either finance@brutonparish.org or (757) 345-2256.

RIBBON CROSS FELLOWSHIP

Kathryn Smith

Please join the Women of Bruton for a morning of fun, fellowship and ribbon cross making on Tuesday, April 9, from 9:30 am - 11:25 am at Williamsburg Landing's Jamestown Room. This is a great opportunity to help make ribbon crosses that are sold in the wonderful Bruton Shop. All of the proceeds from the sales are targeted to help with the Women of Bruton's outreach efforts! It is a great chance to meet many new folks! There is a regularly scheduled Eucharist at 11:30 am at the Landing afterwards, if it works out for you! Any questions, please contact Melinda Morgan on (703) 380-9875 or Kathryn Smith on (757) 229-2188. Hope to see you there!



IT IS B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L.

IN THE SHOP

Lynn Karlisch

Beautiful April! A time to rejoice as we celebrate Easter together as a congregation and with family and friends. April is a time for renewal as we see our beautiful trees in Williamsburg blossom, and colorful flowers in our landscape bring us so much joy after such a grey and rainy winter.

April would be a perfect time to revisit your gift shop if you haven't visited recently. We offer a wonderful selection of spring merchandise for your home, Easter gifts, devotional books, and lovely accessories for everyone.

April is also a time to be thankful. We are so grateful for the many volunteers who make our shop possible, some who have been with us over twenty years now. We are so fortunate to have Jean Winters and Lois Polifka who do our scheduling and coordinate our efforts. We would love to have you join us in volunteering for the shop. By donating as little as four hours a month, you can help us be more successful with our donations to mission and outreach. Also, if you are new to Williamsburg, our shop is a nice way to make new friends and to meet our many interesting visitors who come to visit Colonial Williamsburg from around the world.

Let your eyes wander in these pictures and you will notice merchandise in the background -- pillows, birdhouses, our fabulous towels, real eggs handpainted and decorated with cross-titching from Austria -- all of which produce profits that benefit the Church's Mission and Outreach program.

Come take a look and join the many customers who are becoming regulars in the shop! Stop in and we can give you the details and show you how much fun we have!



Lori Ferucci-Smith, one of our newest volunteers, got right into the spirit of the Season with her choice of tea towel (all bestsellers!), her basket of goodies including cheese grits, and our latest apron with saying "A garden of love blooms in a Friend's heart".



Our volunteers, so excited about the new Spring merchandise arriving daily in the Shop, want to share their finds with you! Long term, loyal volunteer Christine Froner proudly shows her favorites -- yellow bag with bow, Starry Night scarf, and blue wrap perfect for the Spring days ahead.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS FOR THE PARISH & COMMUNITY

Concerts are held in the church at 8pm unless otherwise noted. Doors open at 7:30pm; no ticket is required but a freewill offering will be gratefully received.

Tuesday, April 2
Youth Choral Concert
Frigate Singers from Norfolk Academic Guild,
Lydia Netzler, Director

Thursday, April 4
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Music Director at Bruton Parish

Saturday, April 6
Youth Choir & Strings Concert
Soli Deo & Young Musicians of Virginia,
Karla Robinson & Sarah Umlauf, Directors

Tuesday, April 9
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, April 11
Chamber Music Concert
William & Mary Gallery Players
Susan Via, Director

Saturday, April 13
Choral Concert
William & Mary Women's Chorus
Sarah Gallo, Director

Tuesday, April 16
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Tuesday, April 23
Pianoforte Recital
Partitas of Johann Sebastian Bach
Andrew Willis, Professor at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Thursday, April 25
Brass Trio Concert
Paul Neebe, Trumpet, Abigail Pack, Horn & Jay Crone, Trombone

Saturday, April 27
John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Annual Memorial Concert (see inset)

Tuesday, April 30
Cello Ensemble Concert
Tidewater Cello Ensemble,
Susan Hines & Erin Hines, Directors

HISTORICAL ORGAN RECITALS

The College of William & Mary
Wren Chapel - Saturdays @ 10am

April 6, 13, 20, 27
Rebecca Davy, Organist

WHAT'S YOUR EMERGENCY?

Community Café Williamsburg

Are you 60 or better? Stay informed and active! The Faith Community and Peninsula Agency on Aging are sponsoring an afternoon out. Join them Thursday, April 4, for What's Your Emergency? Captain Aiken from the James City County Fire Department will speak about when it is appropriate to call 911 and what happens when you do. There will also be a brief introduction to the goals of the Greater Williamsburg HEARTSafe Alliance in our community, which promotes a heart-healthy lifestyle and ways to strengthen the chain of survival for cardiac events.

These presentations will be followed by a brief chair yoga session to calm the body and the mind.

The Café is free and open to Williamsburg residents age 60+ and caregivers. It is located at St. Martin's Episcopal Church and sponsored by local congregations, businesses, and the PAA. Join us for a short presentation, snacks and prizes.



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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.
MEMORIAL CONCERT
BRUTON PARISH CHURCH
SATURDAY, APRIL 27 @ 8:00 P.M.
CANTATA 66, BE JOYFUL,
YOU CHRISTIANS
BY JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
MASS IN B-FLAT, OP. 77
BY JOHANN HUMMEL
BRUTON CHOIRS & ORCHESTRA
REBECCA DAVY, DIRECTOR
Doors open at 7:30pm. No tickets required.
A freewill offering will be received.
Parking will be permitted on the Duke of Gloucester Street during the concert.





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PHYSICALLY OR VIRTUALLY VISIT THE HENNAGE LIBRARY

When was the last time you visited – either physically or virtually -- our parish library? The Hennage Library is a small (1,400) but carefully chosen collection of faith-based materials available to educate, enlighten and entertain members of our congregation and is located in the lower level of the Parish House and is open from 9am to 5pm on Friday and daily whenever meetings are not scheduled there. Please check our website's online calendar for availability or call the Parish House.

Physically Come to the Library

Because there is no librarian, we have provided catalog reports to enable members to find the volumes they are seeking. A listing of books by Title, by Author, or by Subject are available (these listings have just recently been updated by our member Eleanor Burchianti). There is a listing of what subjects are available in the catalog. The documents can be downloaded through our website by visiting www.brutonparish.org/library. They are in PDF format, and using a PDF viewer with "search" capabilities work best (i.e. Adobe Reader, etc.).



There are some collections that need to be accessed with the assistance of one of the members of the Library Committee. These include a collection of DVDs. The library also has on CDs the entire Bible read by notable personalities. A listing of the audio visual, CDs and DVDs available can be found at bit.ly/BPCAUDIOLIBRARY.

Virtually Visit the Link Library Online

As a supplement to the collection of physical books and other material in the Hennage Library, the Library Committee maintains a collection of links to online resources that may be of special interest to members of the parish and others. Visit our website at www.brutonparish.org/link_library. Visit the site mentioned above, then

navigate the categories by simply clicking on the blue words in the index to take you to a particular section, and then on the description of the website to take you there. Our member Bryant Cureton keeps the Link Library up-to-date. Look under "Of Interest This Month" for plenty of Lenten resources.

Article submissions are due the 10th of each month and may be edited for length/content.

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